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SUBJECT: GREECE'S PARTICIPATION IN TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS

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(D) ATHENS 11427
1. WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE STILL CONSIDERING OUR APPROACH
TO TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREECE AND WOULD APPRECIATE IF
MTN DEL WOULD SEEK INFORMALLY THROUGH GATT SECRETARIAT AN
OPINION REGARDING GREECE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE MTN TARIFF
NEGOTIATIONS IN LIGHT OF OBLIGATIONS WHICH MAY FLOW FROM
ARTICLE XXIV.

2. THE REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY, WHICH EXAMINED THE GREECE-EC ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT IN 1962, AND THE CONCLUSIONS ADOPTED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES ON NOVEMBER 15, 1962 (GATT DOCUMENTS L/1829 AND L/1938) CLEARLY INDICATE THAT THE EC AND GREECE MAINTAINED IN THE GATT THAT THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT PROVIDED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CUSTOMS UNION WITHIN THE MEANING OF PARAGRAPH 5 OF ARTICLE XXIV. IT WOULD SEEM THEREFORE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XXIV, PARAGRAPHS 5(C) AND 8(A)(II), WOULD CONSEQUENTLY REQUIRE THAT GREECE AND THE EC HAVE

"SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME DUTIES" VIS-A-VIS THIRD COUNTRIES IN IMPLEMENTING THE TOKYO ROUND REDUCTIONS, AND THAT GREECE ADHERE TO "THE PLAN AND SCHEDULE" PROVIDED FOR IN THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT BY IMPLEMENTING DUTY REDUCTIONS AS OUTLINED IN REF(A) PARAGRAPH 3.

3. IN VIEW OF THE MTN TIMETABLE AND THE FACT THAT WE HAVE BEEN WITHHOLDING TABLING OF TARIFF REQUEST OF GREECE, A PROMPT RESPONSE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. VANCE

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